

Service Date: October 29, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application) UTILITY DIVISION
of the TOWN OF BOULDER To Increase) DOCKET NO.80.9.75
) INTERIM ORDER NO.4711

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 30, 1980 the TOWN OF BOULDER (Applicant) filed an application with this Commission for authority to increase the base water rates, on a permanent basis by \$1.00 per month for all consumers.
2. Concurrent with the filing of the permanent application for increased rates, the Town filed an application for an interim increase in the base rates of \$1.00 per month for all consumers, equaling a revenue increase of approximately \$6,300 or 100% of the proposed permanent increase.
3. The City alleges the proposed interim increase in rates is necessary to offset increased costs of operation, and to replace the Telemeter system which regulates the entire water system.
4. The City's exhibits indicate an interim annual revenue increase of \$6,300 is necessary to offset increased costs of operation and to purchase the new Telemeter system.
5. The Commission finds that the \$1.00 per month increase in the base rate will generate approximately \$6,300 on an annual basis, and that this interim increase is justified.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and the subject matter in this proceeding.

2. The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final action. If the final action is to disapprove the increase, the Commission shall order a rebate to all consumers for the amount collected retroactive to the date of the temporary approval, 69-3-304, MCA.

3. The application for a permanent increase will be noticed for a hearing at a later date.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Applicant file tariff schedules increasing the base rates of all water subscribers by \$1.00 per month.

2. The effective date shall be for sewer service rendered on and after October 27, 1980.

3. The increase granted herein is subject to rebate should the final order in this docket determine that a lesser amount than authorized by this order is required.

4. In the event a rebate is directed by the final order in this docket, provision shall be made in that order to cause all uncollected rebates to be escheated to the State of Montana in the matter provided by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION this 27th day of October, 1980, by a 4-0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

SEAL)

NOTICE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.